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January 13, 2015

Mike England  
Rico Town Manager  
PO Box 9  
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Re: Rico Argentine Mine Site – Report Transmittal:  
Dear Mr. England:

Please find enclosed five reports submitted by Atlantic Richfield Company that present the final designs, plans and findings for several aspects of the site including the Solids Repository, the Constructed Wetlands Demonstration Treatability project and control measures proposed to manage flow from the St Louis Tunnel. Specifically the reports include:

- The Solids Repository Engineering Design and Operations Plan, October 2014
- The Evaluation of Source Water Controls (Revision 1), October 2014
- Constructed Wetland Treatability Study Work Plan – Revision 2, March 2014
- Wetlands Demonstration Treatability Study – Final Design, January 2014
- Final Design Report St Louis Tunnel Hydraulic Control Measures, April 2014

In addition, the following is a brief summary of the major work planned for 2015: the continued operation of demonstration-scale treatment cells near Pond 18, completing construction of the Solids Repository-Phase 1 for water treatment solid waste, and constructing a phase 1 of a full-scale water treatment (wetland/biological reactor) system, pending the performance of the demonstration scale system this winter. The repository construction follows the County and State requirements for land use approvals and certificates of designation and designs.

If you have questions regarding this work please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your continued cooperation, and I look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,



Steven Way, OSC  
Response Unit

Enclosures



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